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Whether or not the absence of Metternich influenced the resolution of Francis II., it is certain that that monarch yielded nothing to the urgent solicitations of a Minister who conscientiously fulfilled the delicate mission consigned to him. M. de Ohampjigny rejoined the Kntpress at <hleans, whithor she had repaired tin leaving Ijlois. lie found Maria Louisa alinont deserU'd, all the Untiid IHgiiitarii-n of the 'Empire having Kucitvshively returnt*d U* Paris u!t«*r sending in thtfr submissions to the Provisional (iovernm<*ut.

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